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Bethlehem — the birthplace of Christ and once the vibrant heart of Christian Palestine — has been transformed into an impoverished, isolated walled ghetto under Israeli occupation. From mass expulsions in 1967 to land confiscations, economic strangulation, and the siege of the Church of the Nativity, Israel's policies have driven Bethlehem's Christian population from a majority to near extinction.

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Documentary on the Cows of Beit Sahour declared a national security threat by the Israelis for providing milk to Beit Sahour's children. The Israeli military pursued the fugitive cows for more then a year.

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3946020/>

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Father Ibrahim Faltas testimony on the siege:

<https://wwrn.org/articles/11400/>

langers were concrete. One day he (Father Faltas) got up in the morning and opened the window in his room, making some noise, he said. "(Israeli) soldiers naa taken positions under my window and they opened fire," he said. "The bullets passed very near to me." When the gunmen left, he said, "their last words to all the priests and monks were, 'Thanks, father, and we are sorry for everything that has happened.'"

"We were all living together wonderfully," he said. "We became brothers united in this crisis," he said.

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